IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

JOSHUA NORFLEET,

Petitioner,

Case No. 2:18–CV–834 Judge James I. Graham Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz

v.

WARDEN, OHIO STATE PENITENTIARY,

Respondent.

**ORDER** 

On April 17, 2019, the Magistrate Judge issued a *Report and Recommendation* ("R&R") recommending that the petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 be dismissed. (ECF No. 16.) Although the parties were advised of the right to file objections to the R&R, and of the consequences of failing to do so, no objections have been filed. Therefore, the R&R (ECF No. 16) is **ADOPTED** and **AFFIRMED**. The petition is dismissed with prejudice. The Court further **DECLINES** to issue a certificate of appealability and **CERTIFIES** that any appeal would be objectively frivolous.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: May 14, 2019 <u>s/ James L. Graham</u>

JAMES L. GRAHAM, JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT